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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for manually stuffing sausage comprising:
horn means comprising a horn inlet and a horn outlet,
piston means; and,
a bell-shaped tube;
said horn inlet with a first diameter and said horn outlet with a second diameter substantially similar to said first diameter, said piston means adapted to pass at least within said horn means from said horn inlet to said horn outlet, and said horn outlet configured for receiving said bell-shaped tube.
2. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein said horn inlet and said horn outlet have substantially similar diameters and said piston means is capable of slidable movement therebetween.
3. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 1 wherein said horn outlet further comprises means for releasably securing said bell-shaped tube and a retaining collar thereto.
4. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 3 wherein said retaining collar is operatively arranged to secure said bell-shaped tube, said bell-shaped tube comprising a tube inlet and a tube outlet, said tube inlet having a diameter substantially similar to said horn outlet.
5. (Original) The device of Claim 1 further comprising a two-part handle and means for releasably pivotally securing said two part handle to said horn means.
6. (Original) The device of Claim 5 wherein a first part and a second part of said two part handle are adapted for releasable complementary mate with one another such that said first part may be locked to said second part.

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7. (Original) The device of Claim 6 wherein said first part comprises means for releasably pivotally securing said handle to said horn means and means for releasably pivotally securing a piston means thereto.

8. (Original) The device of Claim 7 wherein said piston means is capable of slidable movement within said horn means and between said horn inlet and said horn outlet.

9. (Original) The device of Claim 1 further comprising mounting means for elevating said horn above a work surface.

10. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein said horn means is arcuate.

11. (Currently Amended) A device for manually stuffing sausage comprising:
arcuate horn means comprising a horn inlet and a horn outlet,
piston means, said piston means adapted to pass at least within said horn means from said horn inlet to said horn outlet;

a retaining collar; and,

a bell-shaped tube,

said horn inlet with a first diameter and said horn outlet with a second diameter substantially similar to said first diameter, said retaining collar adapted to be releasably secured to said horn outlet, said retaining collar operatively arranged to secure said bell-shaped tube proximate said horn outlet, said bell-shaped tube comprising a tube inlet and a tube outlet, said tube inlet having a third diameter substantially similar to said second diameter horn outlet.

12. (Original) The device of Claim 11 further comprising a two-part handle and means for releasably pivotally securing said two part handle to said arcuate horn means.

13. (Original) The device of Claim 12 wherein a first part and a second part of said two part handle are adapted for releasable complementary mate with one another such that said first part may be locked to said second part.

14. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said first part comprises means for releasably pivotally securing said handle to said arcuate horn means and means for releasably pivotally securing said piston means.

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15. (Original) The device of Claim 14 wherein said piston means is arranged for slidable movement along the entire length of said arcuate horn means.

16. (Original) The device of Claim 15 further comprising mounting means for elevating said arcuate horn above a work surface.

17. (Original) The device of Claim 11 wherein said horn inlet has a diameter substantially equal to that of said horn outlet.

18. (Original) A device for manually stuffing sausage comprising:
horn means comprising a horn inlet and a horn outlet;
handle means comprising a piston means, said piston means adapted to pass at least within said horn means from said horn inlet to said horn outlet;

a retaining collar; and,

said horn inlet with a first diameter and said horn outlet with a second diameter substantially similar to said first diameter, a bell-shaped tube, said retaining collar adapted to be releasably secured to said horn outlet, said retaining collar operatively arranged to secure said bell-shaped tube proximate said horn outlet, said bell-shaped tube comprising a tube inlet and a tube outlet, said tube inlet having a third diameter substantially similar to said second diameter horn outlet.